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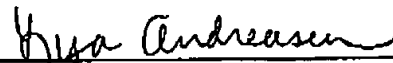
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**AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 7/1/2004, please retract the holding of finality and enter the following remarks and amendments to the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.